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FOLLOWING REPEAT COPENH 5275 ACTION SECSTATE DATED AUG 22, 1978.

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SUBJ: KAMPUCHEA PREPARED TO USE MONEY AGAIN

1. THE DANISH WIRE SERVICE, RITZAU'S BUREAU, REPORTED AUGUST 11 THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE DANISH COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY (KAP) PETER BISCHOFF AND SVEND AAGE MADSEN, RETURNED TO DENMARK AFTER A VISIT TO KAMPUCHEA. KAP IS THE DANISH MAOIST-LENINIST PARTY.

2. BISCHOFF AND MADSEN WERE RECEIVED IN PHNOM PENH BY PRIME MINISTER POL POT AND NUON CHEA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KAMPUCHEAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WHO INFORMED THEM THAT KAMPUCHEA WAS PREPARED TO RE-INTRODUCE A MONETARY UNIT "ONCE THE PEOPLE DECIDE THIS IS NECESSARY". BANK NOTES ALREADY HAD BEEN PRINTED, BISCHOFF AND MADSEN WERE TOLD.

3. ACCORDING TO RITZAU'S REPORT, THE DANES WERE TOLD BY A BELGIAN DELEGATION THAT KAMPUCHEA WAS PLANNING TO SET UP A REGULAR AIR ROUTE TO BANGKOK.

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